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SIR:

In response to the official action dated April 9, 2001, Applicants respond as follows:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 501145, Order No.2727-99J.

The Sequence Listing:

Kindly include the attached Sequence Listing as part of the application.

Remarks

respectfully enclose herewith Applicants Sequence Listing for the above referenced application. Also contained herein is a printed listing correlating the sequence listings to Figures 1-10 of the application. The Sequence Listing is being provided both on a diskette, in Text-Only format, and in written form. content of the computer readable copy is, information and belief, and to the best of my knowledge, the same as the content of the written sequence listing herewith provided is supported by the specification, and includes no new matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 501145, Order No. 2727-99J. Please note that the Applicants no longer qualify for small entity status.

Respectfully Submitted,

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